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1. In 1942-1943, [redacted] the Military Faculty of the Far Eastern (Oriental) Language Institute in Stavropol, Kuybyshev Oblast [redacted] received a call from Moscow to supply about 100 students to welcome Mr. Wendell Willkie at a collective farm some 60 km distant from Stavropol. 25X1
2. The students, male and female, were provided with civilian farm clothes and were sent to a collective farm (unidentified) approximately one month in advance of Willkie's arrival. They were assigned tasks such as cleaning the barns and stables, tidying the grounds, whitewashing outbuildings, etc. Special food supplies, champagne, seafoods, and caviar were sent from Moscow in preparation for his arrival. The roads in the area of the farm were also repaired for the occasion. 25X1
3. The regular workers on the kolkhnoz were mainly old men, children, and women of all ages. These individuals were removed from the farm to make room for the substitute hands; source does not know where they were taken, except "to the front". The students were transported by trucks and horse-drawn wagons to the kolkhnoz, intermittently returning to the school for changes of clothing. The students were informed that all efforts were to be made to impress the American visitor with the strength and orderliness existing in the USSR. The students reacted to their assigned roles with different responses, many making derisive remarks about the planned drama. 25X1

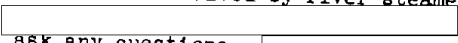
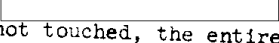
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4. Mr. Willkie arrived by river steamer, spent only 20 minutes at the kolkhoz,  did not touch anything and did not ask any questions.  Willkie himself. After the visit, since the food was not touched, the entire band of substitute farmers "fell upon the food and drink like pigs, and devoured everything". After Willkie's departure and the consumption of the food, the students returned to their classes and resumed their studies.

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